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General Information - Tatabanya, Hungary

1.

The population is 50 thousand (1951 estimate)

2.

direct communication is maintained between Tatabanya and other areas

(a) By water - no communication at all.

(b) By rail - to all parts of Hungary. Tatabanya is on the main line between  
Vienna and Budapest.(c) By airline - there are no airports in Tatabanya because it is only 30 miles  
from Budapest.Community Health Conditions

3.

Tatabanya has the highest birthrate per 1000 population in Hungary.

4.

leading causes of death.

They are heart disease, rheumatism (paralysis), tuberculosis, cancer and venereal  
disease. There are some deaths from typhoid and parathphoid fevers, typhus, small  
pox and tuberculosis.

5.

Endemic diseases are typhus, influenza and smallpox.

6.

the city have a public water supply system

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The system is presently under government ownership. It was formerly owned by Hungarian General Collieries Co Ltd. The source is mostly dug wells and a few springs - vertical shafts 60 meters below the surface. Since water is considered sterile there is no treatment. Areas surrounding the wells are protected by fences. Pumps near the wells supply the necessary pressure to pump water to an underground pipeline system.

the public system adequate to furnish water to the whole population

Approximately 20 gals per person are consumed per day.

percent of the population actually uses the public supply

One hundred percent.

The district sanitary chief checks the wells and pipeline water once a month.

the water from the public supply

is completely safe.

Public water.

there is no need for bottled water

There is no other supply available.

#### Food

the Health Department

exercise control over the following:

Slaughtering - yes  
Handling meats - yes  
Fish - no  
Shellfish - no  
Markets - yes  
Other goods - yes  
Restaurants - yes, twice a month

personnel and premises are checked.

cow's milk

is distributed through the central organization of the government.

None is pasteurized; 40% is bottled and 60% is distributed in cans.

dairy cattle are tuberculin tested?

every six months by the government.

an agent of the Health Department controls it.

#### Disposal Systems

Only 30% of the city has an operating sanitary sewerage system.

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23. [redacted] is served by it [redacted] 25X1  
Approximately 40% of the population. 25X1
24. Where there is no such system [redacted] the most common method used for disposal of human excreta [redacted] 25X1  
Outdoor trenches which are covered when full. 25X1
25. [redacted] 25X1  
A central plant which produces fertilizer collects and traps all sewage.
26. [redacted] human excreta used for fertilizing land [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] 25X1
27. [redacted] vegetables grown locally on such land [redacted] 25X1
28. Is there a drainage system adequate to carry surface runoff? Are there storm sewers? Open ditches? 25X1  
[redacted] 25X1
29. [redacted] water collects and stands after heavy rain [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] in many places. 25X1
30. [redacted] general collection of garbage [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] once a week. 25X1
31. [redacted] 25X1  
All refuse is collected at one time.
32. [redacted] 25X1  
Three small incinerator plants burn the garbage. Streets are cleaned only when necessary; dead animals are taken to the fertilizer plant.
33. [redacted] for disposal of the dead [redacted] 25X1  
All are buried. There are no crematories.
- Pest Control
34. [redacted] 25X1  
Mosquitos no  
Flies no  
Lice no  
Rodents and Fleas no  
Other pests no
- Medical and Hospital Facilities
35. [redacted] 25X1  
Number of hospitals -one  
Total number of beds -400  
Number of charity beds - none
36. [redacted] the following types of service available: 25X1  
Medical - yes  
Surgical- yes  
Dental - yes  
Nursing - yes  
Obstetrical - yes
37. [redacted] 25X1  
There is a great shortage of drugs. 25X1

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Local Health and Welfare Administration

38. [ ] active divisions of :

Tuberculosis control	no
Venereal disease	no
Sanitation	no
Maternity, Infant	no
Child Health	no
Social Services for follow up of infectious disease	no

39.

[ ]

State organization is the sole responsible unit for health conditions. There are four dispensaries to care to the sick.

40.

[ ] communicable diseases reported [ ]

All except venereal disease are reported to a representative of the health department.

41.

[ ] immunization procedures [ ] applied to children?

There are immunization procedures against small-pox, tuberculosis and diphtheria.

42.

None are available to the public.

43.

[ ]

There is no system of public assistance in operation. All medical care and medication is free.

44.

Health Conditions	Good
Sanitation	Good
Available Medical Care	Good
Available Dental Care	Good
Available Hospital Care	Fair
Climatic effect on children	Very poor
Climatic effect on women	Poor
Climatic effect on men	Poor

45.

[ ] special precautions [ ] taken in order to remain in good physical and mental health [ ]

None.

46.

[ ] hazards that would affect infants and children [ ]

These hazards are air contamination by cement works, ferrosilicon and the coal mines.

Education

47.

[ ]

There are 12 grammar schools and two high schools. For eight grades there is compulsory attendance. English is excluded in all schools. There are no colleges or universities in Tatabanya.

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